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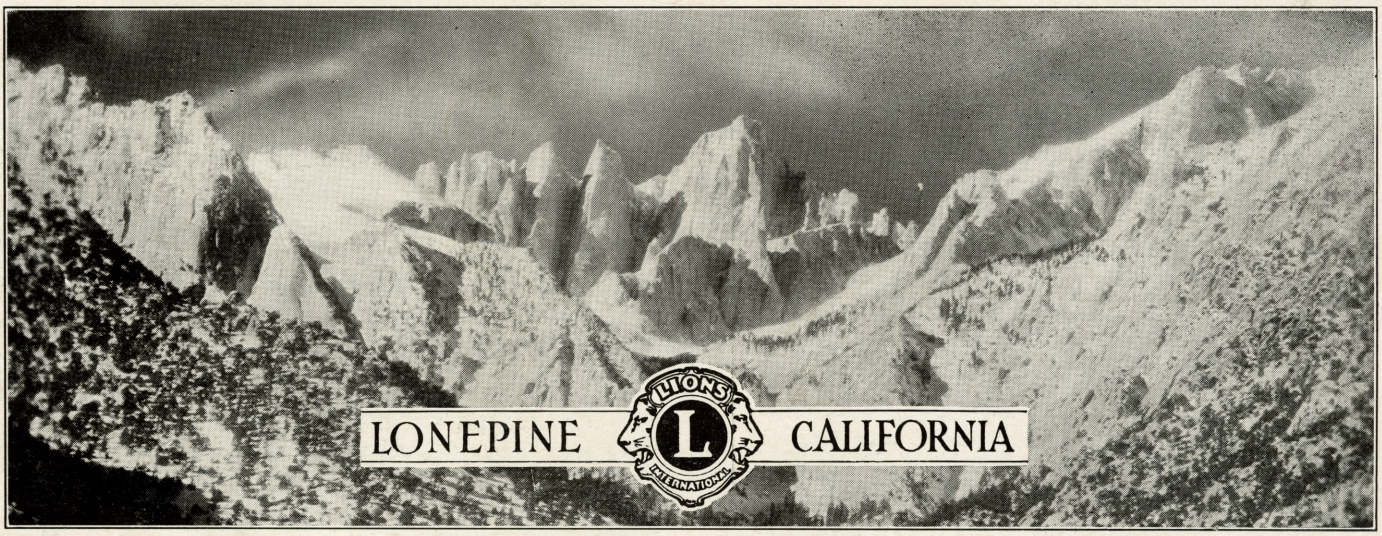

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Greetings of the New Year-1936

THIS FIRST publication of the official bulletin of Lone Pine Lions Club for the year 1936 is not a new undertaking for the Sierra Den but merely a continuation of the bulletin which was inaugurated in 1932. Due to financial conditions in the fall of 1932 the club decided to discontinue the publication; however, on the first day of Jan., 1936, we find the books of Sierra Den balanced, in good shape and money in the treasury. We are only too ready and willing to again continue with the bulletin.

The little city of Lone Pine, situated on the edge of the desert, is the gateway to the much-talked-of Owens Valley, and is the stopping place for travelers on their treks to Mt. Whitney, highest point in the United States, just 28 miles from Lone Pine, or Death Valley, lowest point in the United States. The Sierra Nevada Mountains are not only noted for their scenic beauty but for their abundance of game, both large and small, and also for the splendid fishing that is found in the high lakes and rushing streams. On the other side of the valley we have the Inyo Range which is the joy of prospectors, as there are many minerals found in this range. Whether it be a scenic trip, a prospecting trip or a trip to the High Sierras in search of your favorite sport, Lions Club of Lone Pine is always ready to welcome you to the Alps of America.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation to the club for its cooperation in making the future outlook for 1936 so bright.

May the year 1936 bring an abundance of joy, happiness and prosperity to all.

—JACK HOPKINS, President.

Sierra Den

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Meetings of the Club are held each Wednesday, 12:00 noon, at the Trinity Hall on North Main Street.

REMEMBER THE LOG BOOK!

Sst, ssst, tch, sts! Ham Hoffman placed a nice wad of the old mazuma on Southern Methodist, and vociferously snorted his disgust at anyone so dumb as betting on Stanford. We understand Ham departed from Lone Pine the day after New Year's with a slight tinge in his face.

—L—

Did you notice the proof-reader's oversight in a recent issue of a nearby paper? It said the bride and groom exchanged cows!

—L—

Wuxtry! Wuxtry! Charlie Sumner proves successful extractor. One of our Lion's sons had a loose tooth New Year's day. Charlie got a pair of rusty pliers. He wrapped 'em around a bicuspid and the youngster backed away. And there it was! Charlie denies violating any dentist license laws. He claims the kid backed away and pulled it himself.

—L—

Ben Randolph, of whom children are very fond, was recently asked by one of them: "Mr. Randolph, how can I gain poise in the presence of ladies?"

—L—

Howard Ellis says that the reason Howard Miller isn't red headed is because ivory doesn't rust.

—L—

This club paper is a great invention,
The Lions get all the fame.
George Savage gets all the money.
And the staff gets all the blame.

—L—

Challenged! Ham Hoffman modestly admits that beyond a doubt he is the world's best cribbage player and will take on all comers for a stipulated wager. Better save your money, Gang!

—L—

Ben Nicola: Let's see who can make the ugliest face.

Mark Williamson: That wouldn't be fair. Look at the start you've got.

LUTHER MACK PROPOSES PROGRAMS

President Jack Hopkins received a letter recently from District Governor Luther Mack, suggesting that due to isolation of the Lone Pine Club, that arrangements be made for monthly programs from various groups in Southern California. Governor Luther Mack proposes that if the meetings of the Lone Pine Club can be changed to suitable dates, in all probability on Saturdays, that some fine programs can be offered.

This most generous gesture on the part of Governor Luther Mack is genuinely appreciated by the Lone Pine members, as considerable time and expense will be involved in sending these programs to Lone Pine.

The Lone Pine group is particularly proud of the fact that our club was installed five years ago by Luther Mack, who was at that time Deputy District Governor.

—L—

GREETINGS FROM OLD MEMBERS

We were happy to be remembered at Christmas by appropriate greetings from former members Bud Osborne and Jerry Wade. Bud Osborne is now located in the extreme northwest part of Wisconsin. His postoffice address is Drummond. Jerry Wade was recently promoted from the San Francisco office of Seagram Distillers Corp. to the position of District Manager of Los Angeles region.

—L—

Ten little Lions went out to dine,
One tried the Whitney and then there were nine.
Nine little Lions stayed out too late,
One went to Mill's and then there were eight.
Eight little Lions raised Hell until eleven,
Oscar caught one and then there were seven.
Seven little Lions tried to make a New Year's "mix",
Triple X sunk one and then there were six.
Six little Lions standing around a bee-hive,
Hopkins got stung and then there were five.
Five little Lions shoved the throttle to the floor,
Buer caught one and then there were four.
Four little Lions went out on a spree,
Francis saw one and then there were three.
Three little Lions—and their meal fees were due,
Max Skinner saw one, and then there were two.
Two little Lions thought pool was great fun,
Mrs. Ellis grabbed Howard and then there was one.
One little Lion knew that Leap Year had come,
Married his "gal", and then there were none.

—L—

"That ends my tail", said the monkey as he backed into the lawn-mower.

—L—

District Attorney George Francis, erstwhile member of Lone Pine Club is hereby congratulated for winning his spurs in subduing the nefarious crime wave that threatened to engulf the southern part of Inyo county. As per usual, Los Angeles papers transferred all of the honor to the San Bernardino county sheriff's office. At least we offer you due recognition, George, and don't forget to go easy when representing the State against any of us.

FOURTH ANNUAL MINSTRELS

Well, well, well, the fun will soon start! Preparations are rapidly underway for the Fourth Annual Lions Minstrel which will probably be scheduled for sometime in the latter part of February.

Without patting ourselves on the left shoulders, the community is looking forward to this latest fun festivity. The Committee consisting of Len Wiltfang, Wesley Logan and Howard Ellis have some original and comic skits prepared.

We're depending on all of you to lend a hand when the call for volunteers is made. Better offer a hand, you might be drafted.

—L—

PIG FEED NOTABLE EVENT

Although it transpired some weeks ago, we still have fond and luscious memories of the sumptuous pig-feed spread out by Lions Hamilton Hoffman and Max Skinner, at which all members and their friends were guests. It was one of the finest and largest stag meetings the club has enjoyed in its history. Johnnie Morris was about the only member who was absent. How come, John? Were you out hog calling?

—L—

LIBERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A treasury bent and worn as badly as a Scotchman's cane threatened to prevent the Lions from offering assistance to needy of the community during Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, our members came to the rescue. For Thanksgiving $17.00 was contributed. We all entered into the Christmas spirit generously. At one meeting $34.15 was collected from members, which included $3.00 from Mr. A. J. Burnett of Beverly Hills. Mr. Burnett also sent a dollar for our Thanksgiving fund. We certainly appreciated the generosity of this gentleman, unknown to most of us.

—L—

NEW MEMBERS INITIATED

The Lone Pine Lions closed the year 1935 with a bang! During the final meeting of the year, President Jack initiated into the club, two full members and one interim-member. The new members were Irving Joseph, sponsored by Arthur Stringer; Howard Miller, sponsored by George Savage; and interim-member Samuel Gibson, commanding officer of the Lone Pine CCC Camp, invited to attend by club members as a whole.

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MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Lion James B. Hubbard, President of the Officers' Association, announces that the mid-winter conference will be held again in Fresno on Friday evening, January 17 and Saturday, January 18.

Dan B. Hurlbut, President, Fresno Lions Club, has extended an invitation to all clubs of District Four to attend this conference. It is estimated that it will be the biggest in the history of District Four, as International President Richard J. Osenbaugh and Secretary-General Melvin Jones will be in attendance, as distinguished visitors and speakers.

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Listen, my friends, and you shall hear, of the midnight ride of Howard Ellis to Los Angeles. He now has the scalp hanging on his belt. Lone Pine to Los Angeles in three hours and ten minutes.

Yeah, his wife was along!

LION ERECTS NEW BUILDING

Lion Bill McLean is to be complimented upon his progressive attitude and confidence in the future of the community by the construction of a fine new store building to be leased to the Sprouse-Reitz Co.

The contract for the new building, size 25 x 100, was awarded to Lion Charlie Sumner. The materials for construction were awarded to Lions Dow and Henderson.

This is the first new business building constructed in Lone Pine since Lion Max Skinner constructed the modern quarters now housing the Bank of America.

Lion Bill opened the new building a few days prior to Christmas with a house-warming in the form of a public dance, the proceeds of which, amounting to about $30.00, were turned over to the Jubilee Christmas fund.

Lion George Savage opines that the brilliant red front on Bill's new store looks bullish.

—L—

Padre Crowley has a new Ford. Like the depression, confessions must be over the hump.

—L—

How come Howard? Those suckers you gave away at your Christmas party, weren't of the all-day brand? How come the gyp?

—L—

Building Note: A local building boom for 1936 is assured. Lion Bob Skelton announces that he is seriously considering—provided he has further encouragement—the painting of the fence across the front of his optical parlors.

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Have you noticed that our new member, Irving Joseph, has no qualms about selling ham on Friday?

—L—

HOW I SPEND SUNDAY

I think Sunday should be spent in a nice, quiet, virtuous way. So I usually have a little game of bridge, and then my afternoon tea.

—BILL McLEAN

—L—

I always devote my Sundays to walking, for as you probably know, walking is my favorite sport.

—HOWARD ELLIS

—L—

It's awful to have to tell such personal things about myself, but if you insist. I usually sleep all morning and spend the afternoon in preparation for my daily call on Rudie Henderson to get me a quarter-inch ell. (Sometimes tri-daily).

—ARTHUR STRINGER

—L—

I wish we had Lions' meetings on Sunday, or else it would be made unlawful to examine eyes on Wednesday. But since this is not so, I keep on wishing all day long.

—BOB SKELTON

—L—

On Sunday I reflect all day about Adam and Eve. If it hadn't been for an apple, where would the dry goods business be today?

—HORACE BIRDSONG

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